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# **CSM George G. Terry, Retired**

As a member of the 25th Infantry Regiment, The Black Lions, during the Vietnam War, CSM George G. Terry selflessly served his nation front and center. Twenty-five years later, he continues to do just that. Living just off base, CSM Terry attends all events on the installation, big and small. Demonstrating a mixture of humility and pride, he not only serves as a role model to today's Soldiers, but also acts as an inspiration to us all regarding the importance of Army history, tradition and above all, values. Is it any wonder that CSM George G. Terry continues his role as Honorary Sergeant Major of the Black Lions?

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# CPT David Johnston

Though he has never been under direct fire, Captain (Chaplain) David Johnston has saved countless lives and families. Realizing that his calling was to enter the Army and minister to Soldiers and their Families, Johnston has positively impacted the lives of many soldiers and families as they cope with the pressures and heartaches of deployments and struggles at home. “I am called to take care of Soldiers. To laugh with them, to cry with them and help them put the broken pieces back together again,” he says. Whether through injuries or long deployments, Chaplain Johnston provides strength to Soldiers and Families.

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## **Ms. Pearl Speer**

Strength also comes from compassion. Pearl Speer has been an Army wife for 39 years and a mother to two Army sons. When she first joined the Army community, the focus was on the Soldier and the mission. Army Families had to fend largely for themselves. Pearl recognized an area where she could help other Army Families. She became the Director of Fort Riley Army Community Services, often doing four different jobs as she worked to create programs to provide vital services to families in need. Today, Soldiers at Fort Riley can focus more on their work, knowing that their Families are in good hands.

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## **SPC Brittany Raine**

Specialist Raine is known to ask, "Who wants to build a house and help this family?" As a representative of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS), Raine organizes recreational activities and rallies Soldiers to volunteer for organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. Driven by her belief that a strong community makes a strong Army, SPC Raine leads Soldiers to give back to their communities. She explains, "I'm proud of my service in Iraq, but I'm really glad to be able to help out right here in my community."

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